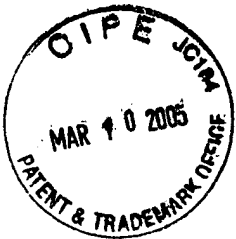


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Applicant: Wullenweber
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Filed: 09/19/2003
For: Metal and Plastic Pallet Assembly
Art Unit: 3637
Examiner: Wilkens

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This communication is in response to a first office action with mail date of December 10, 2004, in which the Examiner has rejected claims 10 and 21 under Section 112, has rejected claims 1-3 under Section 102 as anticipated by Hennessy, has rejected claim 1 under Section 102 as anticipated by Fowler, has rejected claims 2-7 and 11, 15-18 and 22 under Section 103 as obvious over Fowler in view of Skoff, and has rejected claims 12 and 23 under Section 103 as obvious over Fowler in view of Skoff and Munroe.

The Examiner has indicated claims 8-10, 13, 14, 19-21, 24 and 25 to be allowable if properly rewritten.

The Examiner has allowed claims 26-33 as presented.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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